

(1) inserting after the item relating to section 313 the following:

“Sec. 314. Emergency communications and interoperability assessments and report.

“Sec. 315. Emergency communications and interoperability research and development.

“Sec. 316. Emergency communications pilot projects.”.

(2) adding at the end the following:

“TITLE XVIII—DEDICATED FUNDING TO ACHIEVE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES AND INTEROPERABILITY

“Sec. 1801. Emergency communications and interoperability grants.”.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1732. Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

SA 1733. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1734. Mr. JEFFORDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1735. Mr. COCHRAN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, *supra*.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1732. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 173, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 7 _____. None of the funds made available under this Act shall be used by the Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of developing a final rule relating to the proposed rule entitled “Importation of Whole Cuts of Boneless Beef from Japan”, dated August 18, 2005 (70 Fed. Reg. 48494), to allow the importation of beef from Japan, unless the President certifies to Congress that Japan has granted open access to Japanese markets for beef and beef products produced in the United States.

SA 1733. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 158, line 12, strike “\$1,883,000,000” and insert “\$5,100,000,000: *Provided*, That the

entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006”.

On page 158, line 14, strike “\$300,000,000” and insert “\$1,300,000,000”.

SA 1734. Mr. JEFFORDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 126, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

HISTORIC BARN PRESERVATION PROGRAM

For the historic barn preservation program established under section 379A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008o), \$2,000,000.

On page 144, line 7, strike “\$98,386,000” and insert “\$96,386,000”.

SA 1735. Mr. COCHRAN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

SEC. _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture may consider the Municipality of Carolina, Puerto Rico as meeting the eligibility requirements for loans and grants programs in the Rural Development mission area.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing entitled “The Defense Travel System: Boon or Boondoggle?” This Subcommittee hearing on the Department of Defense’s (DOD) Defense Travel System (DTS) is part of its continuing investigation of DOD’s travel policies and practices. The DTS was intended to be a seamless integrated computer-based travel system that would facilitate travel for DOD employees and lead to increased efficiency and substantial cost savings. However, reports by the DOD Inspector General, the DOD Program Analysis and Evaluation Division, the Government Accountability Office, The Corporate Solutions Group and Citizens Against Government Waste have questioned whether DTS is effective and provides a cost benefit to DOD. These reports indicate that DTS has cost more than was anticipated, has not been fully deployed, does not appear to be widely used, does not list all available airfares and may end up costing more than it has saved. The questions raised by these reports remain largely unanswered by DOD. The hearing will explore whether DTS can deliver on the increased efficiency and cost savings

that were anticipated when the program was established.

The Subcommittee hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Raymond V. Shepherd, III, Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, at 224-3721.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, September 19, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1718

Mr. FRIST. I understand there is a bill at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1718) to provide special rates for disaster employment under the Workforce Investment Act of 1988 for individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. FRIST. Now I ask for its second reading and in order to place the bill on the calendar under rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. FRIST. This was the Enzi Workforce Investment Act for victims of Katrina, S. 1718. I mention that only because there were a couple of bills this morning, and then this bill, all of which reflect a lot of activity that is going on behind the scenes. By “behind the scenes,” I mean off the floor, in committees with members and chairmen working with their ranking members. There is a lot of work focused on the response and the appropriate support for recovery after Katrina.

As several people have mentioned on the floor over the course of today, there were seven Republicans and seven Democrats who represented this body last Friday in New Orleans and along the gulf coast, Mississippi, and on to Mobile, AL. We all learned a lot. We saw a lot. It contributed to our own education.

Then, later tonight, a number of us will continue that work as we figure out how best to respond to this catastrophe, this disaster which is ongoing, to respond in a way that will rebuild and reconstruct in very positive ways to help those affected. Our hearts and our prayers and our thoughts and our efforts on the floor all go out to the victims, both those in Mississippi and